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ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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DRIVE AGAINST VEHICULAR POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is going to launch a major drive against vehicular pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the benefits the general public to get from it?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) The Government of India have initiated a number of steps for abatement of vehicular pollution in the country, which, inter alia, include the following :

- Enforcement of Auto exhaust emission standards for new vehicles at manufacturing stage;
- Use of improved fuel quality;
- Road map up to 2010 to control vehicular pollution for both the new and in-use vehicles;
- Establishment of Pollution Under Control (PUC) Checking Centres; and
- City-specific action plans have been prepared to control air pollution, which are at different stages of implementation.

(c) The above steps have been initiated with a view to improving the air quality.